Fall enrollment benchmark not met

JSU Board of Trustees discusses possible strategies for boosting enrollment figures

By Elizabeth Thurman
The Chanticleer News Editor

Enrollment for Fall 2004 was not what university officials had hoped it would be. While JSU has been aiming at reaching the 10,000 benchmark in recent years, the final count this semester fell short of last fall’s figures.

“Our Fall Semester 2004 enrollment was disappointing as total headcount was 101 less than last Fall Semester,” said JSU President Dr. William Meehan at Monday’s Board of Trustees meeting in Houston Cole Library.

According to Meehan, breaking the 10,000 mark is still a realistic goal. “Although this is only a one percent decrease in enrollment, it will not deter us from our goal of 10,000 students,” he announced in his quarterly report to the trustees.

JSU saw an increase in graduate students, seniors and accelerated high school students, said the president, but not significant enough to account for the decreases in other areas.

In a report compiled by the Enrollment Management Committee, Chairman Dr. Bill Scroggins laid out a five-part strategy in order to “experience increases in short term and long term enrollment.” The university needs to troubleshoot problems with not having enough available class sections, said Scroggins. The Enrollment Management Committee encouraged the formation of a team of faculty members to visit area schools for “guest lectures.” An online orientation format for entering students was also mentioned as a possible way to hike up figures. Following these strategies, said Scroggins, will help JSU secure its 10,000 students goal by the year 2010.

Although the total headcount is down, the full-time equivalent numbers have experienced a 38 percent increase in the past 10 years, said Director of Institutional Effectiveness Tim Smith in a report submitted for the JSU Board of Trustees. This FTE growth is crucial, Smith said, because of 1994’s farewell to the open-door policy, which included stricter admissions policies. This growth indicates that the university is graduating with higher percentages of students taking larger class loads, Smith said.

For some students these larger loads include distance education courses. According to Smith, 1610 students are currently enrolled in Web-delivered classes, a 32 percent increase in the last five years. This is encouraging, Smith said, because most of those students are also enrolled in traditional courses.

Smith attributes the decrease in enrollment to a loss of out-of-state students. “One thing that hasn’t changed is that we are a strong regional institution,” he said, referring to the 93 percent of students who come to JSU from surrounding areas.

JSU will host a Community College Personnel Day this year to keep those local students coming, said Director of Admissions Martha Mitchell. “We want to let them meet more of the JSU family,” she said. Other strategies for maintaining area residents’ enrollment include night visits to community colleges that will serve “to reach out to those non-traditional students,” according to Mitchell.

“We are all in this together,” she said, of the university’s plans to more actively recruit potential students.

In Monday’s meeting, Dr. Meehan also announced that he expects renovations on Ayers Hall to be completed by late February or early March. Technology, Mathematics and Computer Information Systems and Psychology departments are all slated to move into the building during Summer 2005.
SGA tackles dress code

By Audrey Hykes
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Things got a little heated among SGA members in Monday night’s Senate meeting. But the issue in question didn’t concern parking, JAX cash, or Family Day.

Rather, SGA members had an in-depth discussion concerning the dress code for meetings.

Student Bill 47, authored by Justin Lord and sponsored by the Constitution and Codes Committee, reads, “Upon passage of this bill, the student Senate will abide by a dress code in order to make the presentation of the Jacksonville State University’s Senate more professional. All Senators, including the President of the Senate, will wear professional attire. Professional attire will be defined for the males as long slacks, a button-up shirt, and tie. Professional attire will be defined for the females as a skirt, with business top or slacks with appropriate top. This dress code will be mandatory for every Senate meeting. Failure to abide by this new dress code will result in a tardy for the current meeting.”

Lord backed his reasoning for the bill by explaining that the SGA members are the representatives of the student body and should therefore demonstrate more pride in being the leaders of the campus. He said that the senator Senate should “look at least semi-professional” and not like they just rolled out of bed to attend the meetings.

“It would instill within the Senate and the whole SGA what we are here to do, who we are here to help,” said Lord.

The debate came mostly from the women of the Senate, saying that it takes them more than five minutes to dress up, which is the time that Lord said it would take out of one’s day to dress up before a meeting.

Most students in the Senate are involved in extracurricular activities, have a job and are full time students. They come directly from a class, job or extracurricular event to the meetings with no time in between to change clothes.

Another point of debate was the fact that there might be some students who cannot afford to go out and buy new clothes, especially ones that they are only going to wear once a week. Lord responded by saying that students don’t need to buy expensive clothing, just professional looking, and that low-cost attire can be found at Wal-Mart or other department stores.

“We should start learning how to prepare for the business world,” Lord continued.

Debating resumed about the topic, and concern arose that this bill could cause less senator participation, which would result in poor SGA publicity.

Another remark stated that it should not matter how the members are dressed, but the focus needs to be on how they perform their duties.

However, Drake Russell, Vice President of Student Activities, was a supporter of the bill.

By Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Interested in being Miss America? It may not be so unsustainable. Start with the Miss JSU pageant at Jacksonville State, then head to the Miss Alabama pageant. The current Miss America is Miss Alabama, Deidre Downs from Birmingham. With luck, Alabama will be able to secure the Miss America title two years in a row.

The Miss JSU 2005 Interest Meeting was held Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. in the TMB Auditorium. The current Miss JSU, Theresa Shadrix spoke at the meeting.

The Miss JSU pageant is a preliminary to the Miss America pageant. The pageant will award over $10,000 in cash and scholarships as well as the chance to advance to the Miss America competition.

“Our scholarships are some of the highest in the Miss America preliminaries,” said Shadrix, who will coach the winner of the Miss JSU pageant.

The pageant consists of Interview, Talent, Swimsuit, and Evening Gown competitions. These events are meant to display the virtues of the new Miss JSU. The winner will represent JSU at events chosen by the Center for Student Life.

“Communication and interview skills are very important to any pageant contestant,” Curren said.
said to the girls at the meeting. “My skills have really developed after representing JSU at all of these functions. Being Miss JSU has been a real learning experience. It’s a lot of fun.”

A new development in the pageant is that the contestants’ pictures, formerly a hodgepodge of candid photos and old high school senior pictures, will be taken at a professional studio for the pageant booklet.

“I don’t think any other college-level preliminary will take professional photos for you,” said Shadrix.

Shadrix and Curren agree that the most important things to work on for the pageant are knowledge of current events and everything about your platform.

The platform, added to the Miss America pageant in 1989, requires contestants to pick an issue of national importance that they care deeply about. After winning their titles, contestants use their fame to promote their platform across the country. Deidre Downs, Miss America 2005, chose childhood cancer as her platform.

Attendees were given a thick packet of papers containing general information about the pageant, state and local contestant contract, fact sheet, and scholarship rules. The packet is due by December 3, 2004. To pick up a Miss JSU interest packet, stop by the Director of Student Life, room 402 in the TMB.

Any questions or concerns about the competition can be sent to Theresa Shadrix at tshadrix@aol.com.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Alpha Omicron Pi: Strike Out for Arthritis is tomorrow at 1 p.m. on the JM field. The entry fee is $35 and all proceeds go to arthritis research. We would like to thank everyone that has already signed up to participate. Good luck to all the women in the homecoming pageant tonight. We would also like to congratulate the Gamecocks on a great win last Saturday! Contact: Emily Rollins, emily_rollins2001@yahoo.com.*

*Alpha Xi Delta: We had a great time with Delta Chi Fraternity this weekend at Family Day. Congratulations to the JSU football team for their victory over TSU! The sister of the week is Lindsey Hicks and new member of the week is Samantha McGee. We hope everyone has a great week! Contact: Jenny Wentworth, 435-5152.*

*Multicultural Services: Help us celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month! There will be a Latin Dance Night at the International House on Friday, Oct. 22 @ 8 p.m. Come for dance lessons, food, and lots of fun. Everyone is welcome. Contact: Soraya Molina, 782-7701.*

*Phi Mu: Congratulations to the football team for a great game on Saturday against Tennessee State. Good luck this week! We are looking forward to Sisterhood on Saturday, and good luck to our beautiful ladies in the Homecoming Pageant tonight! We love you Rachel, Susanne, Abbie, and Lauren! We hope everyone has a wonderful week, and Go Gamecocks! Contact: Allison Crow, allis1187@aol.com.*

*SGA: The Homecoming Pageant is tonight, Oct. 21 @ 7:00 at Leone Cole Auditorium. The SGA Senate Meetings are @ 6:00 on Monday in the TMB. SGA Movie Night on the Quad is showing "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" @ 8:00 Thurs. Oct 28. Homecoming Court Elections are Thurs., Oct 28, from 9-5 in the TMB. Congratulations to our Undefeated Gamecock Football Team! Contact: Brian*
Society Club: Want to get involved on campus? Anyone interested in Sociology Club is invited to our next organizational meeting, Tues. Oct. 26 at 2:30 p.m. in Brewer Hall, room 231. Dr. Lori Owens and Dr. Ron Mellen will discuss the presidential debate and America's social issues Wed. Oct. 27 at 1:45 p.m. in Brewer Hall, room 328. Hurricane Ivan victims need your help. Nonperishable food, clothes, and hygiene items are desperately needed! The donation drive will last until Oct. 28. Donation boxes are located in Brewer Hall. Contact: Hugh McCain, 782-5350.

Zeta Tau Alpha: Good luck to all of our girls in the Homecoming Pageant and to everyone else participating. It's going to be the start of a great homecoming. Thanks to Sigma Phi Epsilon for a neat Parent's Day! Congratulations Gamecocks on their win Saturday. Go Gamecocks! Contact: Heather Moore, heathern16@hotmail.com.

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SGA wants to dress things up

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bill. "I feel that this bill would set the tone and let them [the students] know that we are the leaders."

A vote on the bill resulted in failure though, which Lord said he had expected. He said that he made this bill to get the SGA fired up, spark more debate to remind them why they joined and to instill more pride within them, which he felt was lacking.

Other topics of the evening included the success of the Gamecock Strut, according to Director of Publicity Brian Snead. Also, according to Chief Justice Andy Green, the new online appeals process for traffic violations is more of a success than the old way of filing a handwritten appeal.

The concert poll is scheduled for Wed., Oct. 27 in the TMB from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a survey for the students to request what types of music and bands they would like to see perform for the spring concert.

Movie Night on the Quad is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. and Texas Chainsaw Massacre will be showing. Vice President of Student Activities Drake Russell reinforced the reminder of BYOB, or "bring your own blanket."

Homecoming is going to be Thursday night at 7:00, and the theme is surfing. SGA members are encouraged to wear their Cocky t-shirts and board shorts, flip-flops and sunglasses if they wish.

The STARs Committee is planning Storm the Dorm for Oct. 26. They will be putting flyers out around campus that day, and later that evening beginning at 7:00, they will go to individual dorms and knocking on doors to inform residents about voting and to persuade them to go vote on Election Day.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Americans who disagree with the handling of the war in Iraq should speak up, not stay silent, a retired general said at a congressional hearing.

"I'm from Wisconsin, and I know McCarthyism when I see it," Democratic Rep. David Obey said at another hearing, referring to the red-baiting hearings of the early 1950s that eventually disgraced the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis. "So let's try to figure out how you can get out of this hash by leveling with each other." Obey was testifying before the House International Relations Committee.

President Bush suggested at the first debate that Democratic rival John Kerry would lose the war campaign if elected because Kerry has said that it was the wrong war at the wrong time and a diversion from the real fight, which should target international terrorism.

"What message does that send to our troops?" Bush asked, leaving the television audience of some 60 million to ponder.

"It gives aid and comfort to the enemy," Singlaub said in a telephone interview after the debate. Singlaub has suggested that even lawmakers should be muffled. If they expect criticism might come up at a congressional hearing, they should close it to the public and press.

But Andrew Bacevich, a former Army colonel teaching international relations at Boston University, said criticizing the troops under thoughtless conditions is the same as demanding that Americans "blindly defer to those in authority."

"It's not only fundamentally undemocratic," he said, "it's also stupid."

"This is what they're doing," said retired Gen. Bernard Trainor, a retired Marine lieutenant general.

Several other analysts said, however, that the Pentagon knows a foe will try to exploit dissent and any other perceived weakness. The best antidote, they said, is to formulate a clear strategy to win.

"The troops are watching, listening and learning about their leadership, about the war, about the value of getting an honest appraisal of what mistakes were made," said retired Gen. George Joulwan, a former NATO commander.

"I think they're following very, very closely," he said. "And they can separate what is criticism of the troops and what is criticism of political leaders who made decisions about the war."
The presidential nominee told a sprawling crowd of boisterous supporters on the University of Florida campus. “There’s no reason to wait for November 2nd.”

Election offices across Florida will open Monday to give voters the option of casting their ballots ahead of the Nov. 2 election.

In an interview with local tomorrow, the candidate said.

Later Sunday, the North Carolina senator headed to Florida A&M University, the state’s historically black public university, in Tallahassee to make the same pitch.

Democrats are looking to stave off erosion of support among a core party constituency and energize their case, and Presidents Clinton and Lincoln, heroes among blacks.

“Dr. King used to say the arc of the moral universe is long but bends toward justice. The problem is there are a lot of forces fighting against justice today,” Edwards said before promising Kerry would continue a “march toward justice.”
**OPINION**

This is a call to action

By J. Wilson Guthrie

The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

Finally, I got me some letters. Even if they are critical, I do love to get those letters, especially ones that are as well thought out and emotionally charged as the ones this week. I would like to commend the well thought out and explained letter in reply to David’s editorial. It is a great thing to have a different point of view to and have that point vocalized. It is the cornerstone of our great democracy and a great way for everyone to get involved with our governmental policies and debates.

The next letter hit a little closer to home. This subject is one that I have been pushing since my second week as a Sports Editor. Crowd support and student involvement in athletic events; these are things that should be a fundamental part of ANY college experience.

I have said and made it very clear that I have the utmost respect for Jim Fuller and Jack Crowe. They have both made an impact on my life as a sports writer and a writer in general, and I could only hope to be able to deal with people as nice as them in my future endeavors. But some of the higher powers that be really, really piss me off. It is hard for a person like me, who, in many aspects of my student life, try to push a united student front and an unapathetic student body that actually gives a damn about what happens in this small college town. However, this push is becoming increasingly difficult.

I don’t know why these guys were kicked out of the game, especially after buying tickets. This group wanted to make things a little more like the old days. Make the game fun. I guess that it is O.K. to hang their picture in offices and show how much support our student body showed for athletics, but when some big wig from the conference shows up we should hide them away.

I don’t know if that had anything to do with these guys being asked to move, but I have a gut feeling that it was. You see, the conference commissioner was here Saturday and since they were the ones to ask us to make changes in the way we treat our opposing teams, the OVC is the one to blame for this travesty that took place this weekend.

I thought that moving to a new conference would be good for Jacksonville. But instead of being good for Jacksonville, this conference got mad that a team who was doing good to break .500 in one of the best conferences in the nation, comes into a lesser conference and kicks the crap out of their teams. When we were losing it was OK. Now that we are beating everyone, we have to be nice. Yeah right. Guess what OVC, you asked for it. Now this little podunk college is coming to take over.

So here is a proposition from myself, a fanatic fan of this lovely university, to you the student body. Our next home game is homecoming. I say that since the OVC wants us to be quiet and they want to hide us, that we, being the rebellious college students we are, raise some hell for once. Don’t go home, stay an extra day and have a good time at the game. Make sure everything you do is legal, but yell your heads off. Make fun of the other team. A LOT. Make sure they won’t soon forget the ass whippin’ they will so surely receive. They can’t hide all of us and if they kick us all out, at least maybe I can print an entire newspaper’s worth of angry letters.

Letters to the Editor

“Support the gamecocks!”

Have you heard this before? In my tenure like academic career, I can remember when almost nobody supported the football team. When JSU acted as the whipping mule for the majority of teams, Sigma Nu was painted up and showing school spirit. Extreme heat or unbearable cold, we could be spotted on the 50- yard line at every home seats. Yes, WE BOUGHT TICKETS! At a school where pictures of our spirit are hung proudly in more than one location, we were forced out for “talking too much”. Obviously there was another reason, because we had yet to start cussing. I believe it was because we were painted up. Another JSU organization had a “civil war” within itself, full of pro-

JSU wants support and school spirit, but it allows travesties such as this to continue every year. I challenge the student body to stand up to this alienating, unconstitutional, abuse of power the local law enforcement feels is their right. JSU administration, I challenge you to put a stop to this weak-kneed progression toward making the game as comfortable for
outside of teams, Sigma Nu was painted up and showing school spirit. Extreme heat or unbearable cold, we could be spotted on the 50-yard line at every home game. That is until JSUPD or J.P.D shut us down.

Last Saturday, Sigma Nu resumed its support for JSU. Support JSU lost because of the actions of local law enforcement. Tickets purchased to ensure that we sat behind the opposing team were wasted less than five minutes into the game when a Jacksonville City police officer forced us out of our dorms. The visitation policy of local law enforcement is a lack of respect for the fans as possible. In short, put a leash on the local law enforcement, move the student section back to the 50-yard line, and place the opposing team back on our side. Home field advantage used to mean something, let’s show the OVC we know that.

Dave Chambers

The worst thing is “I don’t like the curfew at the dorms. The visitation hours are too short.”

Charday Olan
Freshman
Nursing

The best thing is “you get to meet a lot of different people and personalities. Everyone is friendly. The worst is there’s nothing to do on the weekends.”

David Nix
Senior
Sociology

“The best thing about the school is the friendliness of the faculty and staff. The worst thing is the lack of course variety and availability because of the small size of the university.”

... Afghanistan is not as free as he makes out.” Using your reasoning and logic, we could conclude that the United States is not as free as we would think. There is a great deal of concern about the security and fairness of the upcoming presidential election. Senator Mark Dayton announced last week that his office will be closed until after the election because of terrorist concerns. The continuing debate over the fairness of voting methods in Florida and because we had yet to start cussing. I believe it was because we were painted up. Another JSU organization had a “Civil War” within itself, full of propriety, and were never asked to leave the property by local law enforcement. Shortly after being removed from our seats, we stood under the student section deciding whether or not to continue to cheer. When another local officer walked up rubbing his fingertips and glaring. I figure it was an attempt to be intimidating, but a badge doesn’t make you a bad ass!

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“Empty-cup” claims freedom for the Afghan people is evidence of the success of his [President Bush] policies. While disagreeing with President Bush is understandable and acceptable in the United States, exhibiting blatant disrespect for the Afghan people and Afghanistan is not. Your condescending remarks about their culture is inexcusable and do not support your argument against President Bush. In fact, they are untrue.

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“Bush’s solution was to hand most of that duty [security for the elections] over to the warlords.” Fact, the war in Afghanistan has always been a United Nations sponsored and led effort. The US forces directed the effort until the Taliban were ousted. Then NATO took over control of the military forces in Afghanistan. At this time, US forces were withdrawn from Afghanistan according to the pre-war plan. Do your homework and stay with the facts. FYI, the United Nations supervised the elections. NATO provided security, and at least two international organizations monitored the elections (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and Free and Fair Elections Foundation of Afghanistan (FEFA)).

“The idea of truly free elections is foreign to the people of Afghanistan.” This is not the first time Afghanistan has established a democracy, and this is not the first elections held in Afghanistan. You imply by your remark about “… important village, religious, and military leaders …” influencing decisions is somehow wrong or bad for a democracy. This occurs on a regular basis in the US and other democracies around the world. Both Democratic and Republican campaigns solicit these types of people regularly.

“... and by the way, all of those women who registered are instructed by their husbands who to vote. They have very little freedom in their lives, much less their vote.” You used this in defense of slam #3. This is from someone who claims to value “… different points of view expressed on an issue.”

My point? While an editorial is an opinion, please support your opinion with fact. From my limited understanding of editorials, they are primarily intended for persuasion and not ranting.

Donnie R. Ford

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‘Tweeners
Jacksonville and Piedmont
it’s all good

By Coty Cockrell
Features Writer

“We’re all good!” That was the popular phrase I was greeted with when I first stepped inside Tweeners Café about two years ago. Everything about the place is inviting, homey and welcoming. From the charming rope lights that encircle the ceiling down to the yellow and white checkerboard floor, the restaurant possesses a certain charm and familiarity. Old Jacksonville high school cheerleader and band uniforms are affixed to the wall, along with other various paraphernalia, from Elvis to Marilyn Monroe. It may not look like much from the road, but step inside and you’ll find a unique restaurant with a loving family.

Tweeners is, in fact, a family owned and operated establishment, and has been since the early 1950’s when the Johnson family moved from Akron, Ohio, to this small “teacher’s college” community. At that time, students had to drive 15 minutes into Anniston to get a hamburger, so it wasn’t long before this ambitious family set up a small drive-in

time classes started, but it has always been near and dear to my heart, not to mention my stomach! In addition to the traditional 1950’s style chili dogs, onion rings, fried pickles, chili cheeseburgers and freshly cut curly fries, the twins also serve up an absolutely stellar daily special that’s different for every day of the week. Whether it’s meatloaf with mashed potatoes, greens, butterbeans and homemade cornbread on Monday, home-style spaghetti on Wednesday, or out-of-this-world lasagna with salad and garlic bread on Friday, this wonderful restaurant offers a refreshing alternative to the processed, who-knows-what’s-actually-in-it food product of today’s fast food industry.

All the ingredients at Tweeners are fresh, and so are the owners! I don’t believe I have laughed as much as I have when either Sheri or Teri sit and tell me their hilarious anecdotes. They have a passion for people, and they get the greatest satisfaction from helping others. They assist disadvantaged people in the community by providing meals, and they have, on a sense of service and respect that is next to impossible to find in modern times. “Every dessert for the price of a thawed-out, wimpy burger at some other place. The value is

Customers leave Tweeners full and with a smile. The service at this family-owned restaurant just down 204 is fast and friendly, and the food is home cooking while students are away at school.

Non-Alcoholic Hangover

By Erin Chupp
Features Editor

We all know how easy it is to obtain an alcoholic hangover. Along these lines, I’m in my fourth year of college and still find it hard to believe people actually enjoy throwing up and the throbbing headaches brought on by heavy drinking. But to each his own...unless it ruins my night.

That’s when a non-alcoholic hangover kicks in. When the friend you’re hanging out with starts having too good of a time and you end up baby-sitting for the rest of the night. Or worse, cleaning up the mess after they get sick because they couldn’t make it the extra two feet into a porcelain bowl. You could have been studying for your midterm or putting the finishing touches on a project due the next day.

If you are the one who typically gets wasted at parties or the bar, stop to think about those of us who also wake up with a type of hangover. We spend all night making sure you don’t drive, choke or break your leg, that we lose sleep and fail pop quizzes, are reprimanded for coming in late to work or miss the alarm completely. It’s not like they give out grades for proper demonstration on how to hold someone’s hair back.

October 17-23 is National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. Every fall semester, 15 million students enroll in college, but about one third fail to enroll for a second year, often

Born for the bayou blues

By Erin Chupp
Chanticleer Features Editor

Sitting on a brown corduroy couch sipping fresh-roasted Starbucks coffee, listening to Mississippi swamp blues. A tea light reflectively glows on a dark wooden table. The walls are a deep brick red, accentuating a European theme. An enjoyable evening away from studying. Something other than the dollar theater (not that there's anything wrong with that).

Thinking one has to travel a long way out of Jacksonville to experience this atmosphere? Actually, I stumbled upon this cultural treasure in Gadsden. From May-October, the Mary G. Hardin Center for Cultural Arts hosts a Courtyard Concert series. Every evening, Wednesday through Saturday, different musical acts perform on a brick stage.

The courtyard is nestled outside the Courtyard Cafe and Restaurant with weathered white shutters on the four surrounding brick buildings, closing in the area. Above the heads of diners is a square black patch of sky, lined with stands of large white bulbs. As the music series nears end and the weather gets a little more chilly, the musicians often perform inside the cafe to a cozier group.

Last Friday, the jamming blues sound of Russell Gulley filled the center. Songs such as "Sure Cure for the Blues," "Mississippi Funk" and "Rumor Mill" took me down to the bayou and back. Playing bass guitar, Gulley was accompanied by an acoustic and a harmonica as well. The three closed their eyes and rocked to soulful rhythms while listeners ate dinner and enjoyed good conversation.

The music is a great backdrop to the menu selection offered by the Courtyard Cafe and Restaurant. Appetizers to start your palette include Shrimp Cocktail, Cajun Baked Oysters and more. After this start, one can choose from "Hot off the Grill," "Seafood and Specialties," "Sandwiches" and "Desserts." Pair these meals, ranging in price from $6.50-$24.95, with a glass of wine and this meal promises to be a rememberable one.

Tonight, The Derek Trucks Band will be performing in concert. They are headlining the 2004 Jam for Duane celebration, a three-day music festival honoring the late Duane Allman, guitarist with the Allman Brothers Band. This tribute is properly kicked off by guitarist Derek Trucks, nephew of Butch Trucks, who was the original drummer with the Allmans. Derek's band is a blend of jazz, rock and blues.

Friday night entertainment features Lefty Collins and the No Mercy Band and Saturday night ends the Duane event with The Jam for Duane from 1 p.m.-1 a.m.

An evening at the Center for Cultural Arts can be very versatile. Make reservations and surprise your sweetheart with a fine dining experience or join other students on a couple couches with coffee.
Horoscopes

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
You are in a great mood this week, and can remain so if you look on the bright side of what is really quite a wonderful life. Use your wit and charm on those stick-in-the-mud folks who always want to play it safe and rarely have much fun.

TAURUS: (April 21-May 20)
Your work is a major concern during this week. Start to organize and delegate more than usual, and you'll be surprised how quickly goals are accomplished. If you are overwhelmed by choices regarding monetary purchases, sleep on it first. It is time for introspection and much needed rest.

GEMINI: (May 22-June 21)
Use your creativity to the max to solve problems that you would usually put off to the side. By the week's end you may feel quite secure and successful in your present quest to provide the best use of your resources. You may get caught up in a project and lose all sense of time.

CANCER: (June 22-July 23)
If you are bursting with energy this week, take the opportunity to get some fresh air and exercise. If you are trying to break free of a difficult relationship or habit, a close friend may be able to help. Changes may be difficult to face, but will be best in the long run.

LEO: (July 24-August 23)
This week is not time to be taking major risks with a primary relationship. Any changes must be made slowly, keeping in mind the feelings of others involved. You are experiencing a feeling of contentment, that everything is well, in spite of contrary evidence.

VIRGO: (August 24-September 23)
Your feminine side is present, and this may make you feel a bit uncomfortable in a society where everyone is encouraged to act and think in a macho way. Don't be your worst enemy; thinking things through may only take you out of the game. Know when to leave well enough alone.

LIBRA: (September 24-October 23)
Avoid taking yourself to seriously this week. You have a tendency to work yourself into the ground—are you just a conscientious worker or a workaholic? Lighten up. Pay close attention to an important relationship, you may be in way over your head.

SCORPIO: (October 24-November 22)
It's time to take a softer approach in expressing your love and appreciation for someone you care for. Avoiding any problems that are on the front burner will not make them go away. Take a deep breath and jump in. The resolution will be easier than expected.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23-December 21)
Your financial situation seems to be steadying this week, and will remain so for at least the next several months. Build a solid foundation now - you can never be too sure of what the future holds. If you're feeling restless and bored, go do something new.

CAPRICORN: (December 22-January 20)
Any connections you make in your present love relationship will reflect the interconnection you have cultivated within yourself. Take a leadership role where money matters are concerned. You may not know what is best, but you know enough to bring about success.

AQUARIUS: (January 21-February 19)
Are you suddenly being drawn into an unusual relationship? Pay attention to your hunches and intuition, particularly where love is concerned. Don't act out of ego if you expect to get anywhere. You will emerge victorious in a situation due to your ability to reason things through.

PISCES: (February 20-March 20)
There is some surprisingly good advice concerning money coming your way. Take financial advice of a close friend. A conservative approach is definitely best, and any investments should be well thought out first. Taking time just for you will help to unwind, putting things in perspective.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:
You are able to handle almost anything life may throw at you in the way of surprises. You tend to put a lot of faith in those you love, and it can be quite a shock when they let you down. Keep your self-esteem intact.

Beating Around the Bush Favorites
by Bryan Stone
College Concoction

Microwave Shrimp Scampi

Ingredients:
1/2 cup butter
5 cloves garlic, minced
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
2 Tbsp. dried parsley flakes
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 lb. medium shrimp, peeled and deveined

Directions:
In a shallow microwave baking dish, combine all ingredients except shrimp. Cook, uncovered, on high power for 3-4 minutes or until butter is melted and mixture is hot, stirring once during cooking.

Add shrimp and stir to coat. Cover with microwave safe plastic wrap, venting one corner. On high for 3-5 minutes or until shrimp curl and turn pink. Let stand on solid surface, covered, for 3-5 minutes before serving. Serves 4
Suzi Terrell named Chanticleer Sports Athlete of the Week

Lindsay Dant
Chanticleer Sports Writer

One volleyball player that stands out when you mention JSU volleyball is Suzi Terrell. Suzi has been playing volleyball for 10 years and she loves every minute of it. She has started every match this season and Friday October 15, she recorded a season high of 25 kills against SEMO.

Not only is she one of the oldest on the team, she is a role model and a leader to the young team that only consist of juniors, sophomores, and freshmen. Every game she plays her heart out and on average she has 10 kills a game.

“There are many reasons why I choose JSU but the main reasons are because of the beautiful campus and the team came together under a great coach,” said Terrell.

The Chanticleer sports caught up with Suzi Terrell, chosen as Athlete of the Week, to find out more about this 5-11 junior outside hitter from New Castle, Indiana.

Favorite color?
Suzi: I love pink!

Favorite food?
Suzi: Pizza.

Favorite hobby?
Suzi: It would have to be shopping.

Favorite movie?
Suzi: “Pretty Woman.”

Favorite TV show?
Suzi: Friends.

Favorite celebrity?
Suzi: Jennifer Anniston.

Favorite CD?
Suzi: Definitely the new Nelly Suit Cd.

Biggest rival in the OVC?
Suzi: Oh gosh, EKU (Eastern Kentucky University).

If you haven’t caught a JSU volleyball game all season, drive on down to Pete Mathews and check out the unstoppable Gamecock volleyball team. Soon their season will be ending, but Suzi Terrell has one more year left. The next home game is against Austin Peay here at Jacksonville on Friday at 7:00 p.m. Come watch Suzi, Chanticleer’s JSU Athlete of the Week, as she helps lead her team to victory.

Bowling individuals knocking down the pins

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FLAG FOOTBALL
Congratulations are in order for four teams who won their respective conferences.
Alpha Omicron Pi, Pi Kappa Phi, Brick House and Boycotters all won the Regular Season Champions in their Conferences and will be the #1 seeds in their brackets for the Flag Football Playoffs.
The final two days of the playoffs will be held Tuesday, Oct. 26 and Wednesday, Oct. 27.
The game of the year in the Sorority Conference was between two undefeated teams in AOPI and ZTA.
The game was a defensive battle, as neither team could get a whole lot going. Both teams traded possessions in the first half, and did much of the same for the second half.
Both teams had great support as 150 spectators were there to cheer on their teams. The big play of the game came with 34 seconds left in the 4th quarter, and AOPI had just called time-out.
Courtney Goldenberg stepped onto the field and Jessica Kidd found her on a slant pattern for the only score of the game, and AOPI defeated ZTA 6-0 for the Regular Season Championship.
"I just wanted to come in and contribute," said Courtney Goldenberg. "I just took the football and went with it."
AOPI head coach Woody Rozier said, "It was a hard fought victory. I was very pleased with our team's gutsy performance, especially Courtney.
#2 Zeta Tau Alpha will now play #3 Phi Mu in the first round of the playoffs to see who will try and unseat AOPI.
Pi Kappa Phi captured the Regular Season Championship by going undefeated during the regular season, and is looking to keep the momentum going throughout the playoffs.
"We practiced hard all week and even though we have mercy ruled some teams this year, we know it is going to be a tough game," said Pi Kappa Ross Nelson.
"We're just going to try to ride our defense out and hopefully good things will happen."
The first round of the Fraternity Playoffs will feature #2 Sigma Phi Epsilon vs. #3 Kappa Alpha.
The Men's Conference will feature #1 Red Conference Boycotters facing #2 White Conference and three time defending champion T-Dawgs.
#1 White Conference Brick House will play #2 Red Conference Outkast 187.

BOWLING
Intramural Bowling has only two weeks left, and it is still up for grabs who will win. Delta Chi made a big push to close the gap, but are still in the #3 position with a score of 6469. Sigma Nu took over 1st place by going ahead of Sigma Phi Epsilon by a score of 6699 to 6656.
Delta Zeta is still holding onto first place with a score of 5082, but Phi Mu is still on their heels with a score of 4973. The last two weeks of bowling are very important as each score will be counted as double pins.
Welcome Gamecock family to the show!

JSU sweeps TSU as Football team and Band strut for the show!

“I’m proud of our fans for being a big part of this. I thought there was a high energy feel in the stadium.”-Head Coach Jack Crowe.

From Staff Reports

JSU went 2-0 on the weekend as the band and the football team cleaned house over the weekend.

Senior Oscar Bonds rushed for a career-high 175 yards and scored a pair of touchdowns to lead No. 14 Jacksonville State (6-0, 4-0) to a 49-35 win over Tennessee State (3-3, 1-1) in front of 14,722 fans at Paul Snow Stadium on Saturday. Bonds recorded his fourth career 100-yard rushing game as the Gamecocks rolled up an impressive 585 yards of total offense on 67 total plays, an average of 8.7 yards per play.

The Gamecocks took the early lead after Bonds scored on an 11-yard run on JSU’s first possession of the game and Gavin Halford kicked the point after to give JSU a 7-0 lead with 10:58 left in the first.

Tennessee State tied the game after Fred Burnette caught an OVC record 99-yard touchdown pass from Riley Walker to make the score 7-7 with 4:26 left after.

Joey Hudak kicked the point after as Jsu build a 28 point lead at the half. Clay Green scored on a two-yard run, Bonds scored on a 67-yard touchdown run, Maurice Mullins added a 20-yard run and Raynodd Zeine scored on a 4-yard run as five different players scored in the first half.

Tennessee State cut the lead to 35-14 with 11:07 left in the third after Charles Anthony scored on a 10-yard run. Anthony finished with 131 yards on 25 carries and is the first OVC back to rush for 100 yards against the Gamecocks.

The Tigers then trimmed the advantage down to 35-21 early in the fourth quarter after Fred Burnette scored on a 24-yard pass from Walker with 11:09 left, but the Gamecocks scored two touchdowns in a span of 1:02 to push the lead to 49-21. Zeine scored on a 35 yard run and the Gamecock defense recovered a fumble and Josh Moten recorded his first career touchdown after Matt Hardin completed a 15-yard pass with 8:00 left as JSU build a 28 point lead.

TSU added a pair of late touchdowns for the final margin. Jax State returns to action next Saturday at Tennessee Tech. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m.

Jax State extended the nation’s longest regular season winning streak to 12 games.

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State University President Dr. William A. Meehan formally dedicated the William Taylor Stewart Strength & Conditioning Center Monday afternoon in a ribbon cutting ceremony.

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That means the stadium is said Kevin Daugherty. can not find a parking spot, said Stacey Wilson. "The fire-

These problems are god-
sent to this university. If you can not find a parking spot, that means the stadium is packed and if there are fire-

We are seriously turning into a major player in the Ohio Valley Conference. It doesn't matter how weak or strong it is. That is what you ultimately want, domination. Anytime you are dominating the league no there is also a plan for a $2.5 million to come in and be a part of this facility will not only impact of 350-

At Stewart Stadium. The tie stood in both overtime peri-

We are starting to lead the facility race as well. If you have a chance to go by the new 5,996 square-foot William Taylor Stewart Strength and Conditioning Center, it will be well worth your time. This brand new state of the art facility will really impress incoming recruits that will continue to come in and be a part of championship teams. Along with upgrading its facilities, there is also a plan for a $2.5 million project that includes a new administration building, a new complex for volleyball and offices for softball, baseball, and golf.

If that isn’t big league then you don’t have any business talking about Jacksonville State anyway. JSU is also planning on bidding for a first round football game this season.

Are you seeing the attitude that is being created around here. It seems like there is a lot of strutting around the friend-

The Donald Stewart Family donated $204,000.00 to furnish the new Strength & Conditioning Center and the facility is named in the honor their son – William Taylor Stewart, who is a 1999 graduate of Jacksonville State University.

“We really appreciate the Stewart Family and what they have done for Jacksonville State University,” said Dr. Meehan. “This will set the foundation for Athletic Multi-Purpose Building, which will house the Baseball, Golf, Softball and Volleyball teams as well as the entire athletic administration.

The contribution is substantial because this facility will not only impact of 350-plus student athletes now, but for future years to come," said JSU Athletic Director Jim Fuller. “When you take a look at other facilities around the country, there are not many that will be any better than ours.”

Jacksonville State University has already raised $9.5 million of the goal of $17.5 million and the capital campaign will culminate on the University’s 125th Anniversary in 2009.

Gamecocks slowly moving up the ladder

From Staff Reports

The Sports Network I-AA Top 25 Poll (Oct. 18)

Team (First-place votes) 2004 Record Points
1. Southern Illinois (73) 6-1 2,395 15.
2. Georgia Southern (19) 6-1 2,332 16.
3. Delaware (2) 5-1 2,142 17.
4. Montana (1) 6-1 2,099 18.
5. Wofford 5-1 1,905 19.
6. Cal Poly (1) 6-0 1,804 20.
7. Furman 5-2 1,796 21.
8. Stephen F. Austin 5-1 1,697 22.
9. Northwestern State 5-1 1,679 23.
10. Western Kentucky 4-2 1,548 24.
11. Sam Houston State 5-1 1,402 25.
12. Jacksonville State 6-0 1,335

JSU soccer ties with Peay

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State's soccer team played to a 1-1 tie with OVC foe Austin Peay Sunday afternoon.

JSU would be the first team to score, as Liz Hendricks blocked Austin Peay's keeper Sarah Broadbent's attempt to clear back into the net.

Peay answered when Amanda McLean picked up a rebound and put it past Gamecock keeper Amanda Stephens to even the score. Erin Mitchell was credited with the assist.

The tie stood in both overtime periods, as the two teams took a total of 10 shots in the extra sessions. The Gamecocks out-shot the Lady Govs 26-11 in the match.

The Gamecock's record moved to 6-8-3 overall and 3-2-2 in the conference. Jax State returns to action Friday, October 22 when they host Morehead State for the final OVC regular season contest.

Rowell awarded OVC Newcomer of the Week

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State’s Larnarcus Rowell was named the Ohio Valley Conference Newcomer of the Week, the league office announced on Sunday.

Rowell, a junior defensive back from Opelika, finished with a career-high nine tackles, three tackles for loss, two pass sacks for minus-eight yards, one forced fumble and one pass break-up in JSU's 49-35 win over Tennessee State on Saturday.

Rowell recorded seven solo tackles and two assists as the Gamecock defense limited Tennessee State to just 144 rushing yards.